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A COPPIE OF A LETTER,

Sent to Lieutenant Generall

CRUMVVEL

From the Well-affected Partie in the

CITY.

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A Copy of a Letter to bee ſent to Leiutenant Generall *Crumwell*, from the well-affected Party in the City.

HE that is ignorant of *Crumwels* Valour and Vertue, let him bee ignorant. He is the Great Councells Eye, the great Generals Hand, *Englands*, *Irelands*, nay and *Scotlands* Wonder. Open thy Gates, O *London*, and let *Crumwel* enter, whoſe Gallant ſpirit is able to fill thy ſpacious Roomes, and whoſe unerring Genius will lead thee to that Religion and Liberty which neither *Beſſe*, nor *James*, *Charles*, nor his Parliament had ever ſo much Happineſſe as to dreame of. *The Salutation.*

Hee that is not ſufficiently Organized to ſee thy worth, 'tis not becauſe thou wanteſt Splendour and Brightneſſe; but becauſe he wanteth his Eyes. Hee that is obſtinate, and ſhuts the windowes of his face on purpoſe, let him neither enjoy the light of the Sun, or which is worſe, not the light of thy Countenance. O bleſſed *Crumwell*, thou art not onely the finiſher of the old Warre; but the Wiſe, the Valiant Reſtorer of a *new one*.

A *new one*, we ſay: not only in reſpect of the Cauſe which is changed from Popery to Presbyterie; But in reſpect of the Title from *Truth* and *Peace* to *Truth* and *Righteouſneſſe*.

Formerly we fought for *Peace* and *Truth*: But Peace is an old over-worne Malignant Title; and therefore now, as heretofore, waving *Peace*, wee march on valiantly for *Righteouſneſſe ſake*. And truely Sir, whoſe-

ever be our Generall, we unanimously resolve that you shall be our *Ring-leader*.

Our name shall be the *New Army*; the word *Modell* is too peaceable a Title: and because we have new lights by your *Permission*, and new causes by your *Invention*, and a *new warre* in hand by your *Instigation*, we will therefore call you not in disgrace (as was *Cicero*) but in honour by Antiphrasis our *Novus Homo*, our *New-man*.

We are not ignorant that all your Papers to the Parliament, your humble or high Remonstrance, your particular Charge against the Publick Members have the name of *Fairefax* before them; it is good policy, to make one man beat the Bush, whilst you catch the Bird; and we wish from our heart, that name may be ominus, o that you may *fare* & *fac*, *say* and *doe*.

But Sir, to our singular comfort, we by experience dare aver, that you are the *principall wheele*, the *Primum movile*, that moves and sublimates both him and others to this *New*, this *Brave*, this *Holy war*. Sir *Thomas* is the *Esau*, whose rough hands the Parliament feele with great regreat: But you are the *Iacob*, the supplanter, that carries the Cause smoothly, and like the deep River, though you have most force, yet are you most silent.

Pardon us deare Sir, our affection to you hath so farre ravished us, as we forget the Cause for which we write, which shall be concluded in two particulars:

1. In giving of Thanks.
2. In giving, and desiring advice.

Now that which is the grand occasion and Argument of our Thanks, is that long looked for Charge against the eleven Members, who have been as Motes

in our eyes, as thornes in our sides, and have much infringed the liberty of the Saints.

We have observed of these 11. Members in generall before the particular Charge came in, that they had been very *active* to *advance Presbyteriall Government*, and therefore long ago worthy to be cast out of the House, and exposed to our scorne and infamy; But we are sorry the iniquity of the times is such, that you must be put to so much pains, as to beate your braines for Articles, and that a bare Accusation *qua Presbyter.* will not serve the *turn*; you have indeed attainted them boldly (as *Machiavell* instructs) and we are assured something will sticke by them; But (O) that instead of eleven you had made them a Dozen, that is a Round Number; but in this case the Bakers Dozen which is nneven we hold the better.

Truly Sir as we said before, we hope your designe is against Presby terynot Injustice, against corruption in Discipline, not against corruption in Offices, for were it so, you would strike a terrour into your owne Party: now to Charge an Independent with a Presbyterian that be far from you.

Alas Sir, you know we have had the Magazine both of Armes and Treasure, all the Committees and Sequestrators at our beck, we have placed and displaced, turned the Kingdome of *England* and *Ireland* topsie turvy, we have plaid *Rex* indeed. We displaced *Waller*, *Massie*, *Mitton*, and divers others, and yet continued in *C. B.* who is B. of *C. M. D. N. F.* as our owne creatures by that Almighty power which was vested in us, and if justice should now be done these were undone, for they behaved themselves so as some called them not Parliament drivers (as Mr. *L.* is in your Declara-

tion) but War drivers, or War contrivers, of which Craft and Trade we hope one day you will be made free.

And now Sir, having done with the first Part we come to the first Branch of the second Part, which is giving advice.

And to speake freely, as we alwaies do in either our publique or private addresses, we could heartily have wished that you had abstained a while from Particularizing of 4. Persons, not that either their lives or reputation is deare to us, but because they seeme either popular, or else innocent men; your Inke in your Declaration is too little to make them blacke enough, is there not two false witnesses in a whole Army? they say,

——*Nulla fides pietasque viris qui castra sequuntur venalesque manus*——

or do we lack a *Iezabel* instead of a *Crumwell* to mould the design; You know *Massie* is generally loved because of his Gallantry; *Glyn* is a *noli me Tangere*, because of the City; and as for *Harley* and *Long*, I doubt you may stay long enough before you have accusation or proofe sufficient; for may not any man go to the Lady *Carliles* Lodging, is she or her house a Malignant, or may it not be lawfull for people to assemble, or when two or three Parliament men walke or talke together, is this a designe? beware you speake not a word, in any case which may bring up a scandall upon our conventicles.

Besides, what is Mr *L?* why, you tell us he is a Parliament Driver (Peace man, the world is not our own yet) must he therefore by an expresse be driven out of Parliament because he is a Parliament Driver?

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The Gallantry of *Maſſie* is knowne, becauſe he did once ſave the Kingdome in ſaving of *Glouceſter*; and though we conceive he did not fight for the righteouſneſſe of Chriſt, yet he hated the unrighteous Mammon. *Horatius Cocles* having defended th' *Romans* againſt the three *Curiatij* alone, though afterwards he killed his Sifter, yet was he pardoned by the State for that Noble ſervice which he accompliſhed for the States; and this Story will be laid in our Teeth.

You have almoſt ſubdued him in ſubduing his Army, and his free Spirit hath made him not worth the fleecing, and therefore it were not amiſſe we conceive to reprieve him, and picke and chooſe another Member where you pleaſe.

Glyn is the mouth of the City, and ſhould we think to ſtop the Cities mouth, (who know us well enough ſince we ſearcht the Lord Maiors Pockets to find the King) he would make ſuch a Cry as all the Kingdome would heare, and then *Scotland* will heare too.

As for his Wife if ſhe be unſound, we deſire ſhe may be ſearched by a Jury of Women.

Harley is an innocent Puny, a little Bit, and not ſufficient to ſtay our ſtomacks: We have not time to dally, and with *Commodus* to kill flies: Beſides, we conceive he goes but according to the Liberty of his conſcience, which to maintaine we now take up Armes: *Non gaudet tenui ſanguine tanta ſitis*: *Long*, as your Papers ſhew us, is but a Coward, and that is pardonable, every man is not a *Cromwell*, or an *Ironſide*; marry if Cowards muſt be complained of *quâ* Cowards, what ſhall become of our Saw-pit Lord, or poore *Nat. Fines*?

Now we are come to the laſt Branch, which ſhall not

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we hope be troubleſome to your patience, and that is to crave advice to eight Queres.

1. *Whether it be not unſeaſonable to queſtion men for malignancy while we are a cloſing with them, as Iudge* Jenkins *well obſerves?*

2. *Whether the Accuſation of Eleven Members be ſufficient to daunt the whole Body?*

3. *If love and honour be to be ſhewen to the King, acquaint us with meaſure and time, that is, how much and how long?*

4. *What is further to be acted for the bringing up of our Army into the City?*

5. *How ſhall we anſwer the Objection, that we ſtand upon Puntilios of Honour, whileſt in the meane ſpace* Ireland *lies gaſping?*

6. *How ſhall we reſolve that Objection, that the Army ſtrives to be under pay, and yet ſtrives againſt obedience?*

7. *Is there not need of an* Index expurgatorius, *to blot out all the reverent Titles, all the obedient paſſages, concerning the Parliament out of our Independent Books?*

8. *Whether the Aſſembly of Divines ſhall not be attainted of High Treaſon for labouring to introduce a forreigne Power of Government, contrary to the Liberty of free Religion in this Kingdome?*

By the appointment of the
new Fraternity.

Signed *Iohn Worth-Ruſh. Secr.*

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